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#### AMUSEMENTS TO-DAY AND EVENING.

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S P. M. COLUMBUS THEATRE-AFTER DARR, 8:15 P. M.

DALY'S THEATRE-LAST WORD, S:15 P. M. AMBERG THEATRE-DER ARME JONATHAN, 8 P. M. GRAND OPERA HOUSE-MONEY MAD, S P. M. HERRMANN'S THEATRE-HERRMANN, 8:30 P. M. HARLEM OPERA HOUSE-THE CITY DIRECTORY, 8:15 HARRIGAN'S THEATRE-RELLET AND THE 400, S P. M.

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PROCTOR'S THEATRE-MEN AND WOMEN, 8:15 P. M.
FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE-BLUE JEANS, 8 P. M. WINDSOR THEATRE-MCKENNA'S FLIRTATION, S P. M. GARDEN THEATRE-BEAU BRUNNEL, 8:30 P. M. EDEN MUSEE-OTERO, 8 P. M.

KOSTER & BIAL'S-CARMENCITA, 2 P. M.; S P. M. AMERICAN ART GALLERIES-Paintings by three American artists, WORTH'S MUSEUM-Hourly performances.

METROPOLITAN ART-THE SLAVE MART. STEINWAY HALL-Lecture on "ANCIENT IRISH MANU-DORIS' MUSEUM-Hourly performances.

NEW YORK, MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1891.

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#### HIGH WATER MARK. Circulation....190,500



Cable messages for all parts of Europe direct received at the company's branch office in the HERALD Building, corner of Broadway and

To OUR READERS. - The HEEALD to-day consists of the regular eight page paper and a supplement, making ten pages in all. Our renders should see that their newsdealers deliver them the entire paper.

The weather to-day in New York and its vicinity (including points within thirty miles of makes it necessary, by a sort of foreclosure, the city) promises to be generally colder and from cloudy to partly cloudy, preceded by rain or snow and an increase of storminess dangerous to shipping off the coasts, followed by clearing. To-morrow it promises to be generally fair and colder.

# SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Mr. Parnell made a speech at Limerick, in which he showed no willingness to give up the leadership of the Irish party.

The man arrested in Spain as General Seliverstoff's murderer is either the guilty man or an in-

The new French loan subscription was a great

Engineer Joseph Sweeney, in charge of angine No. 15, attached to a four car train on the Third avenue "L" read, did not obey a danger signal and caused a collision at 119th street and, Third avenue

s switch engine. The latter was thrown to atreet, but fortunately no lives were lost. . Simon Baruch compares the results and pheena of treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis

Mrs. Delebarre, who has raised money upon her household furniture at extraordinary rates of interest, returns home after a temporary absence to find her house despoiled of everything in it by

ith the Koch lymph in this city and abroad.

The week's work in the real estate market developed unexpected activity.

The hostile Sioux have broken camp and started for Pine Ridge Agency. The troops follow them

Naves Print a paid advertisement as news matter. Let every advertisement appear as an advertisement-no sailing under false colors .- Charles A, Dana's Address to the Wisconsin Editorial Association. Milwaukee,

July 24, 1888. A STORY Is TOLD of an advertiser who presented himself at the New York Herald counter with a three thousand dollar roll as an offer for a half column advertisement with a good sized cut accompanying it. The "ad," was refused without even consulting Mr. Howland. There is a standing rule in the HEBALD office to never insert advertising cuts .- Exchange.

THE EXPENDITURES FOR PENSIONS for the year ending June 30, as now officially stated, amounted to \$109,357,534. In the previous year we paid \$87,644,779 11, while in the year before that we paid \$80,288,508 77. The cost of the German army, it may be interesting to note, is for this year estimated at \$91,726,293. Besides our pensions our

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Horses and carriages gain 116
Dry goods gain 81
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The increase in Henaud circulation is equally satisfactory, as is shown by the following figures for the last week in December, 1890 (ending Saturday, December 27). compared with the same week in 1889-

Sunday, December 21	9,400 10,300 12,300
Total increase (one week)	86,800

fucts :-First-The above comparative statements of increase in Hypaun advertising are not

based upon columns reduced in wid h. "fake" advertising; and

Third-The increase in circulation of the Daily and Sunday HERALD is bona fide, and the figures published do not include weekly and semi-weekly editions nor half-price evening editions.

#### The Micaragua Canal and the Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations were instructed on April 11, 1890, to look into the present condition and future prospects of the scheme for piercing the Isthmus by way of Lake Nicaragus and have made a unanimous report.

It is matter of congratulation that there is one subject under the sun on which the democrats and republicans can agree. We can only account for this surprising fact on the ground that the project is outside of party politics and has been examined on its

The committee report a bill which provides that the government shall give its guarantee for bonds to the extent of one hundred mil ions and for payment of interest thereon

This action should not bring us into conflict, for the present at least, with the terms of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in which "the governments of the United States and Great Britain hereby declare that neither the one nor the other will ever obtain or maintain for itself any exclusive control over the said ship canal."

The company which has the project in hand needs the backing of the Republic to a certain extent-which extent is very far within the limits of "exclusive control"-in order to give the enterprise financial sta-

The government simply becomes an interested party by insuring the payment of bonds and interest, but can obtain no control unless the company defaults, and thus to take the property in order to protect itself against loss.

That disaster is hardly possible, and until it occurs there can be no subject of controversy between us and England, Indeed, there is little danger in predicting that if the scheme is carried through with proper economy it will pay a handsome profit on the money invested.

This call for Congress to come to the aid of the company is not unexpected. The projectors were altogether too hopeful when they asked for their charter, were rather veciferous in declarations that they could get all the money they wanted for the asking and would never ask favors of the govern-

They were extremely optimistic also when

they asserted that the canal could be completed at a cost of sixty-five millions. There are, it seems, unexpected expenses-engineering difficulties which were unforeseen or became enthusiastic.

The sixty-five millions soon crept to seventy-five, and have since climbed to one hundred. We might as well face the fact now as later on that if we can have a canal from Atlantic to Pacific at a cost of fifty per cent in addition to the largest sum already named we may consider ourselves mighty lucky. One hundred and fifty millions is not an extravagant sum to expend on an engineering work which in many respects will be superior to that of Suez and which shortens the trip to the East by several

It is gratifying to note that the company have appealed to our confidence by going to work with a will. They are only at the beginning of their herculean task, but they are doing business in a thoroughly business

There are strong, level headed men in charge. They are after fame and fortuneboth mighty incentives to victory. They have tackled this 1sthmian problem with a determination all the stronger by reason of the colossal failure of Do Lesseps further to the south.

We shall be more than ready to accord them fame when the triumph has been won and the first vessel passes from Greytown to the Pacific. A revolution in the world's carrying trade will be at once effected, Cape Horn and its perils will be avoided, and Australia, Japan and China will be our nearer neighbors by thousands of perilous miles.

As to the fortunes to be won, we will not begrudge them if they are the result of an honest development of the scheme. The contractors may make as much money as their opportunities permit, provided their private bonanzas are not added to the cost of the canal.

Such a work is of importance to every vessel that floats, to the merchants of all climes. It will cheapen freight rates by lessening the distance to be travelled, lower the cost of insurance and save wear and tear of property. Besides-a matter in which we more than other nations are interested-it will develop a commercial spirit in the Central American republics, where now time passes heavily unless they have a revolution on hand and are cutting each other's throats. Their land will be enhanced in value, their crops will find a market, the people will swap the sword for a pruning hook and plough, and we shall have something like civilization on our borders.

The project should therefore be encouraged in every legitimate way. And as to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, it will be time enough to talk about that when the question comes up for debate.

ONCE IN A WHILE a politician complains because the newspapers tell lies about him. It would be very rough, though, if the newspapers were to mend their ways and tell the truth about them.

#### Parnell in Ireland.

The speech which Parnell delivered at Limerick yesterday shows that the Irish cause is a hopeless muddle.

It lacks the strength of his former utterances and shows that Parnell is at his best when he is hardest pressed. When in the thick of the fight, with all the world against him, he was a splendid warrior; now, when a compromise has been effected, he lacks the old dash and daring.

It is clear that O'Brien and he have come Second-The Herand does not publish | rendering the leadership, but on the contrary declares that his presence is necessary to the triumph of home rule and that his opponents are not equipped for that kind of

The audience was thoroughly enthusias'ic. The victory, however, will not be won in Ireland, but in Parliament, and there's the

THE PROPER THING to do nowadays is to dine late, reach the theatre about the middle of the first act, choose seats at the other end of the slip, make everybody get up and so attract the attention of the whole house. If you can manage to stop the play, by making so much noise that it can't go on, your triumph is complete.

#### Activity in Real Estate.

Nothing better demonstrates the confidence reposed in our city than the quiet work done in the real estate market last

Hardly had the financial sky begun to brighten when purchasers of land, improved and unimproved, at once came to the front.

And the men who thus planted their surplus in the soil of the metropolis are not speculators who buy to-day and sell to-morrow, but investors who in their legitimate channels of trade have accumulated more capital than they require for their busi-

Only let these men have the first inkling of an honest, practical rapid transit system and there will be no end to this class of investments

PEOPLE TELL Us that the republican party has done nothing.

That is a serious mistake. It has done three things:-It has raised the price of every necessary of life; it has lowered the wages of the working classes; it has gagged the minority in the House, and is ready at any moment to perform the same service for the minority in the Senate.

We think the republican party has done a good deal. It has done altogether too much. Still, if the people like that sort of thing, why, give them some more.

#### A Real Ghost.

Calico Pond, in Belleville, N. J., is said to be a weird, ghostly, hair raising sort of spot. Horrible tales are told about it, and travellers late at night, when the pale moon winks and the bright stars blink, burry by. It is a frightful locality, a rendezvous for witches, hobgoblins, astral bodies and the celestial cranks who get up from their graves in the churchyard near by and produce gooseflesh

the people's teeth are chattering. This damsel walks leisurely along the road, mind-the Gilsey. ing her own business, until some stray wanderer sees her. Then she scoots across the diplomatically ignored until after the people | fields and makes for Calico Pond. If pressed too hard by her pursuer she quietly dis-

solves into thin air. Ugh! What a creepy feeling that must give the citizens of Belleville! This forlorn maiden, with flowing tresses and a winding sheet, skipping along barefooted with the mercury below freezing, has frightened them out of their wits.

Perhaps, however, if the prohibitionists should organize a branch out there, this ghost would seek another place to rove in.

It Must Be Either Hill or Dana,

Only yesterday the Sun had a leading editorial eulogistic of David B. Hill, Mr. Dana very boldly-perhaps rather rashly, too-declared that Hill would make a good President. Not content with even that degree of praise, he ventured the perilous assertion that if the National Democratic Convention were to nominate a man for the Presidency to-day their choice would fall on Hill.

It required great courage to go as far as that; so great that very few people in this State would care to follow him. But Mr. Dana outdares the most reckless daring in defence of a friend. If not a man in New York should agree with him he would stand right there and be proud to stand alone. That is his mettle, that the kind of sword he

Such a man in the Senate chamber would melt Edmunds, the New England icicle, and make a pool of hot water of him; that venerable fossil of Massachusetts, Mr. Frisbie Hoar, a relic of abolition days, would pray for the legs of a centipede with which to escape from the fray, and Kansas Ingalls would feel that his "iridescent dream" was changing to a nightmare.

But where is Governor Hill? He can repay a thousand obligations by the simple gift of the Senatorship to a man whom the people call for. He is silent, evasive, even saturnine, for the pressure of politics is squeezing him hard, but he cannot ignore this opportunity to gratify the public and show his personal respect for one whose pen has been worth a thousand swords in his defence. If there is any gratitude left on the earth, any admiration for the qualities of character which would adorn the Upper House, Governor Hill will place Charles A. Dana in nomination and see that he is elected.

There are but two horns to this dilemma. Hill must either take the Senatorship himself or he must graciously surrender it to Mr. Dana. Any other course would be a painful surprise to the people of this State.

YES, WE'VE Gor to shoot the Indians who are on the warpath. It might be well, though, not to kill the women and children. But when this wretched business is over how would it do to shoot some of the base wretches who have cheated them, lied to them, starved them and driven them to the desperation of revenge?

#### PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

HERALD WEATHER FORECASTS.-The southern storm will probably continue its northeasterly advance through this section to-day, finally moving toward Nova Scotia and causing dangerous gales off the Atlantic coast between Cape Hatterns and Portland. Me. Temperature underwent no very decided change in the United States yesterday; the chief minima reported in the evening were 2 de-grees at Winnipeg and 6 degrees at St. Vincent; the chief maxima were 70 degrees at Key West and 72 degrees at Point Jupiter. In this city and suburban districts to-day slightly colder, cloudy to partly cloudy weather will probably prevail, preceded by to amicable terms and that Parnell will do rain or snow, with brisk, variable winds, mostly as he pleases. He gives no hint of sur- easterly and northerly, attaining force dangerous In the Middle States to-day colder, partly cloudy weather will prevail, preceded by rain or snow, with brisk to fresh variable winds, becoming dangerous to coastwise shipping, followed by clearing, and in New England cloudy, slightly colder weather and snow or rain, with brisk, variable winds, becoming high off the coasts. On Tuesday, in this city and section and in New England colder, fair weather and brisk to fresh westerly winds will probably prevail, and on Wednesday fair, colder weather, with westerly to northwesterly winds in both sections. As the cyclone advancing from the South crosses the Atlantic coast its force will probably increase decidedly.

#### CREATED HE THEM.

My love is tall and fair,

With glinting golden hair,

And were she mine På not repine, But laugh at carping care. This life would be All eestacy If blessed by love so rare. SHE My love is short, with hair Grown thin by wear and tear, And this I know-He told me so-He has no cash to spare. As short as he If I his lot should share. HOW HE BECAME DEAF.

Jones—How did you become deaf? Brown—Oh, I was born that way. I wanted "but little hear below," and I got it. —Texas Siftings. A DEFINITION. "Papa, what is a fad?"
"A fast, my son, is somebody else's pe-culturity."—Chicago Tribune. Rev. Dr. Williams, paster of the First

Baptist Church in Baltimore, celebrated the for-tieth auniversary of his pasterate yesterday. AFTER A SHORT COURTSHIP. James (just married)-Why so distrait, darling? Didn't you enjoy the ride through the tunnel? Mrs. James-Oh, so much, dear! But I can't help wondering what the world would say.

A BIG COMMISSION. The Colonel left the lovely miss He'd called that eve to see, And as he went she cried, "Please kiss The regiment for me.'

A DRAWBACK. "Your omelet would be a perfect poem, my dear Ethel, but for one thing." "What is that?"

"You have mixed at least one eighteenth century lay with the other oggs, which are essentially mod BE-VERSE ENGLISH.

I asked my friend, Verplauckson, for a V; He said, "Ha! ha! U later I will C. That night we met, we took adown our Qs. And now I have the V in I O Us. GLORIOUS. Daggett-Hello, Cutting, did you meet any glori-

Cutting-Oh, yes, a sleigh full of pretty girls cap-

churchyard near by and produce goosefiesh on everybody in the neighborhood.

A young woman clad in white has lately been roaming round at dead of night, and produced the state of the stat

ous "turn-outs" in the Park this afternoon?

COMPLACENCY OF THE STUDENTS. The average student, of whatever nationality, usually labors under the delusion that he is the most important member of the community, and that the world would go to ruin without him.-European Edition of the Herald.

A SINNYCU E. Farmer Peastrow-What you doin' in the city, Jerry? All you wrote was that your sittywation Jerry-So 'tis. I'm a sergeant in the Salvation Army!

The Queen of Sheba, so folks say, In gome and jewels had all things; I'll bet an cagle to a jay No baseball diamonds came her way Or sawdust circus rings.

Satan-Really, now, I object to this good resoluion pavement. Contractor-What's the matter with it? Satan-Why, it melts too easily. A DAILY HINT FROM PARIS,

THE FAULT OF THE MATERIAL.



FULL DRESS FOR VISITING. Of fine velvet sublime, trimmed with tips of ostrich feathers, lace of laced silk and high soft

Mamma (a week after the nuptials)-Are you nicely settled yet, Ethel?

Ethel-George thinks so, but I don't. Mamma-Really! What does George say? Ethel-This morning he got up and got his own breakfast; I heard him say, "Well, this settles it!" A WARNING. Gushington—You are the light of my life!
Alicia—Don't blow so much about me or you'll put me out.—The Epoch.

UNISON OF REPUBLICS.

THE PAN-REPUBLIC CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-TEES APPOINTED.

Judge William H. Arnoux, chairman of the Commistee of Two Hundred of the Pan-Republic Congress, to be held at Chicago in 1892, has appointed the following sub-committees in accordance with a resolution passed at the meeting in this city in De-

resolution passed at the meeting in this city in December:

Committee on Score and Plan,—Champion S. Chase, LL. D., Umaha, Neb., chairman: Grover Cleveland, New York: James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore, Md.; Carl Schurz, New York: Thomas M. Palmer, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. W. C. Roberts, D. D., Lake Forest, HL. Right Rev. C. Roberts, D. D., Lake Forest, HL. Right Rev. Grant Abbons, D. D., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, Charles Edward Choney, D. D., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, D. B., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, D. B., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, D. B., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, D. B., Brooklyn; Colonel achiert of Ingersol, New York, D. B., and Henry F. Downing, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Exacutive Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Exacutive Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Exacutive Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Consultant, No. 4 Cedar street, New York, Chairman, Cenar Street, New York, Chairman, New York, Robb, Topaka, Kan, William M. Adolo, New York, Chairman, Palace, Chairman, Crawfordwille, Ind., Ceneral Lew Wallace, Chairman, Crawfordwille, Ind., Ceneral Lew Wallace, Chairman of Committee of Two tunned Ceneral Lew Wallace, Chairman of Committee of Two tunned Colonel Lina, Allen, New York, Rabbi, Joseph Lewich, Newsky, N. J.; Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., Boston, Mass., Goorge Kennan, Washington, D. C.; Colonel Lina, Allen, New York, Chair

These committees will assemble in joint meeting

on a day to be hereafter named by Champion S. Chase, chairman of the Committee on Scope and Plan. The committees were appointed several days ago, but their announcement has been withheld until now in order that the gentlemen named in them might have an opportunity to notify the sec-retary, William O. McDavell, of Newark, of their Ex-President Cleveland writes:-

I write to assure you that I am in accord with this movement which has for its object the drawing of re-

Champion S. Chase says :-The proposition to hold such an assembly must meet with a warm and favorable response in the hearts of every true American, every friend of true republicanism. The great West will be with this committee in this matter heart and son!

The Rev. Dr. William C. Roberts, in his letter of acceptance, writes:— I accept the position, and promise to do all in my power to make the work of the committee such as will meet with the approval of the whole country.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says :-It is of the highest importance that our relations with all the republics about does of the friendliest character, but government is great atough not only to be the friend but the defender of every other republic. It is lime for a "Hely Alliance" between republics.

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Several expressions of approval are given by Colonel Lehand J. Webb, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veteraus; Professor Alexander Winchell, Bishop Cheney, of Chicago; General Lew Wallace, Miss Frances E. Willard and others. President L. L. Polk, of the Farmers' Alliance, in his letter says:—"The object is a good one. Ispeak for a society whose whole object is the perpetuation of the principles of the fathers."

# RAPID TRANSIT BY TUNNEL.

FOURTEEN MILES OF BAILROAD TO BE LAID FROM BROOKLYN TO WEST CHESTER.

The Henning Rapid Transit Company has been ncorporated under the laws of this State. The railroad will be about fourteen miles long. It will begin near the Hamilton avenue ferry in Brooklyn;

begin near the Hamilton avenus ferry in Brooklyn; thence, part'y in cutting and party underground, to the East liver; thence under the river by tunnel and through the streets of this city to the town of West Chester.

While no route has been decided upon as yet and will not be until further surveys and borings are made, the one fayorably considered at this time will have its first station on this side of the river in the block bounded by Whitehali, South, Moore and Front streets; the next station to be under Broad street, between Exchange place and Wall street; the next under lim street, between Franklin and White; the next under lim street, between Franklin and White; the next under lafayotte place, near Astor place; the next under lafayotte place, near Astor place; the next under leftteenth streets, and them inder lexington avenue, at Twenty-lirst and Twenty-second, Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fourth and Fifteenth, Fifty-six and Forty-second, Forty-ninth and Fifthelf, Fifty-six and Fifty-seventh, Sixty-sighth and Sixty-ninth, Seventy-lifth and Seventy-sixth, 1934 and 195th and 193th and 193th, and thence under the Harlem River to 188th and a con up to the terminus, over the Brook River, in Westchester county, with a branch line starting from some convenient point to the intersection of 155th street and Eighth avenue.

The Henning system consists of a series of tun-

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The Henning system consists of a series of tunnels, approximating in length to the distance between stations of the elevated roads, with corresponding sharp inclines at each end-gravity nower to carry cars a own the incline and across and part way up the opposite incline, with supplementary power, either cable or electricity, to carry to station

LEADERSHIP.

More About the Resignation of Mr. Thomas and the Choice of His Successor.

FOREIGNERS AND NATIVES.

Musical Gossip and Opinion Regarding Concerts and Other Matters.

Since Mr. Theodore Thomas decided to accept his Chicago offer and leave New York no little discussion has been had among musicians as to his successor as director of the Phiharmonic Society, and not until during the past week, as exclusively announced in yesterday's HERALD, did the society decide upon its plan of action-seeking abroad-in the matter of filling the place of musical director made vacant by his resignation. At the time that the Chicago offer was received and accepted Mr. Thomas told me that when he

left New York it would be for the full term suggested in the offer and that during that time he could not return to this city for the purpose of continuing his work with the Philharmonic, and this he reiterated when I saw him last. "I cannot divide myself from my interests," said

Mr. Thomas. "I go to Chicago fully realizing what I am leaving here, but I have decided to go, and "But." I interrupted, "it was generally understood that the Philharmonic Society had not yet

received your resignation and still hope to retain your services during the coming season."
"No; that cannot be," he replied, "and, besides, I have just sent my resignation to the society, but

what action its members may have taken in the

matter f have not as yet been informed." It was at first thought that some one of our own conductors would be chosen to the position, and various were the opinions offered by them and their friends.

Herr Seidl told me that he knew nothing of the

matter, and Mr. Damrosch was equally non-committal. The friends of Mr. Van der Stucken would like to have seen him wield the cherished baton, and, indeed, if any of our own conductors were to have been chosen the conductor of the Arion Society would have had an excellent chance for the posi-tion.

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THE SOCIETY'S DECISION.

But the society finally decided to invite a conductor from abread to fill Mr. Thomas' place, and this was the result of the vote taken at the meeting held on Wednesday last.

This meeting was in itself an extraordinary one. The Board of Management has the power to transact all the business of the society, but this matter seemed to be one of such vital importance to every member that a meeting was called of the entire society.

Mr. Frederick Berguer, one of the oldest and most influential members of the Philharmonic, told me that this decision was reached after considerable discussion but seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the members.

"Of course," said Mr. Berguer, "the name of every conductor of prominence in this country was brought before the society for consideration and each name was backed by strong supporters. But each in turn was put aside for the same reason.

THE OBJECTION TO THOMAS.

"Mr. Saidl has the opera and his own orchestral

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THE CHEFCTION TO THOMAS.

"Mr. Seidl has the opera and his own orchestral concerts, Mr. Damrosch has the Symphony and Orstorio Scotelies, Mr. Nilsisch has the Boston Symphony Orchestra—in fact, each one named was found to be fully occupied with other, and, to a certain extent, rival work.

"Again, what Americans crave is something new. Of course it will be hard work to find a leader to take Mr. Thomas' place and we feel that we will be obliged to use great care in our selection. But we feel confident that the right man can be found in Europe and not here."

The Philharmonic Society of New York was founded April 5, 1824, and was incorporated Febru sep 17, 1853, the object being "the cultivation and performance of instrumental music." Since its first concert, given in the Apollo Rooms, Docember 7, 1842, concerts have been given regularly every season.

The management of its affairs has always been in the hands of "actual members," each one of whom must be "an efficient performer upon some instrument." The society has nad but eight conductors since its formation. Mr. Thomas has held this position for thirteen years. Being elected to the position in 1877, he served one year and was followed by Adolph Neuendorff, who served one year. For its thirty-eighth season (1878-79) Mr. Thomas was again elected to the position and last held it without interruption since.

Its other conductors were H. C. Timm (1842-45), E. J. Loacer (1846-48), U. C. Hill (1899-51), Theodore Eisfield (1852-00), Carl Bergmann (1861-75), Leopold Damrosch (1876).

BOARDS AND SOUNDING BOARDS. The remarkably unanimous unfavorable judgment on "Diana of Soulange," which was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House on Friday, has caused much talk in musical and theatrical circles. I asked Mr. Stanton why he had given the opera a production and he replied because he thought it would be a novelty. "The music was light," he said, "and I thought it would please the opera goers." The opera was advertised to be repeated at Saturday's matinée, but a big placard was on Saturday placed in the lobby of the house announcing that in accordance "with numerous requests" "Fidelio" would be given on Saturday instead of

Diana. Encouraged by the success of her last classical concert, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt will give another on Tuesday evening. The programme will include the overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor," some airs de ballet selected from Giück's operas, the Andante from Raff's "Lenore" symphony, the No. 3 "Leonora" overture, a melody by Grieg, the Valse from Tchaikowsky's Serenade in C and the Prelude and Finale from "Tristan and Isolde." M. Walter Damrosch will conduct.

It will be news to many opera goers to hear that their favorite Hans Sachs, Herr Emil Fischer, is not to be in the cast at the revival of "Die Meistersinger" on Wednesday. Herr Reichmann will sing the part.

Mr. Thomas introduced a new planist to us at his regular Sunday evening concert in the Lenox Lyceum last evening-Miss Mabel Wagnalls, daughter of the publisher.

Miss Wagnalls essayed the difficult and well known D minor concerto of Rubinstein for her

New York debut, a work a trifle too ambitious for her. Although exceedingly youthful in appearance, I am told that Miss Wagnalis has studied for years in Berlin and Vienna and made a successful appearance in a concert at the Royal Opera House

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DAUGHTER OF AMERICAN CONSUL LAY. HERALD BUREAU,
CORNER FIFTEENTH AND G STREETS, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 1801. Admiral and Mrs. Worden gave a "tea" yester

day afternoon to introduce to their friends here their granddaughter, Miss Harriet Worden, daughter of Mr. Daniel T. Worden, of New York. The fashionable world gathered in throngs to do honor to the debutante, who stood near her grandmother to receive, wearing a pretty white silk mull gown. She was fairly surrounded by bouquets sent her in hour of the event.

Miss Geaca Worden, Miss Jackson, Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Sidney Staunton helped to entertain the quests, among whom were all the leading lights in the efficial and social firmament.

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## TO BUILD A HANDSOME HOSPITAL.

[BY TELFGRAPH TO THE HEBALD, ] equal to any in the State is soon to be built in this city. William Slater, the millionnaire, has just given \$75,000 for the purpose and announces his intention of domating at least three times that sum in addition if \$50,000 independent of his gift, are raised. This can be done without any trouble and the erection of the hospital will probably be begun by spring.